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Inventory No:	EAS.4
Historic Name:	Walker Homestead
Common Name:	
Address:	315 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1858
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Cedar Shingle Wall: Cedar Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Massachusetts Historical Commission
Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard

Assessor's
Number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number



Eastham

(neighborhood or village)

315 State Highway

Walker Homestead

Residential

"

Pre-1858

See Bibliography*

See Architectural Description

Architect/Builder

Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label street including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Cedar Shakes

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Small Shed and Barn (See Architectural Description).

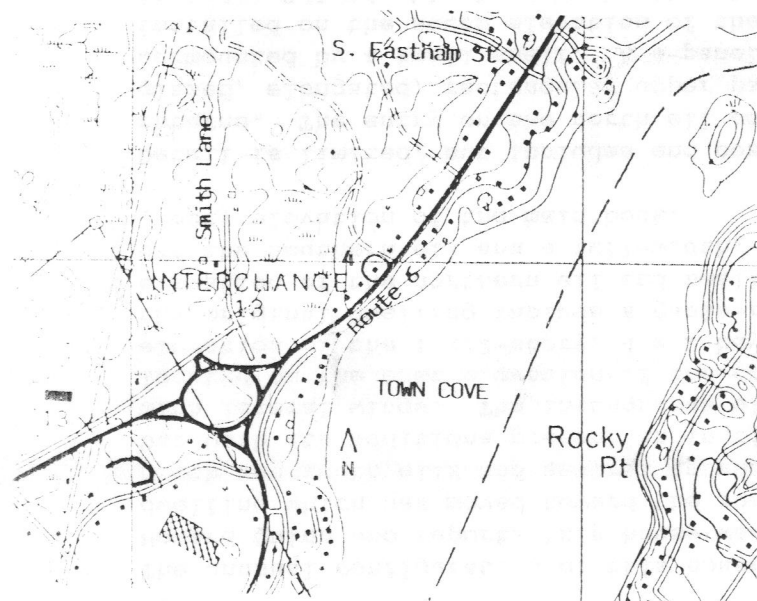
Major Alterations (with dates)
See Architectural Description

Condition Good

Moved ☐ no ☒ yes Date Unknown

Acreage 2.37 acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled, mixed-use, but largely residential section of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod, inter-community thoroughfare, the former county road and a continuation of the original Old King's Highway.



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BUILDING FORM

315 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION X See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The unusual configuration of this house is explained by local historian Howard Quinn who reports this house was originally a typical cape form dwelling which was moved toward the road and expanded by the addition of the north and south ells and several appendages. The cape remains oriented south, but with its additions present an initial impression of a gable-end dwelling with lateral wings. The incongruous elements are the entrances. One is located on the east elevation of the northern ell and the other on the south elevation of the 1 1/2-story, 4 x 2 bay, main block. Subsequent expansions to the original dwelling include a gable-roofed, 1-story, modern ell off the west elevation of the northern ell and small, 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed appendage off the southern ell and a full-width, shed-roofed addition across the rear (west) elevation of the main block.

Detail is limited, but includes end boards and a boxed, molded cornice with returns. The entry on the north ell consists of an 4-panel, wooden door with glazed, elongated, rectangular upper panels in a surround of plain trim surmounted by a small shelf. A 4-panel, metal replacement door has been installed on the south elevation of the main block. Fenestration varies to include: 2/1, double-hung sash with plain trim on the first floors of the main block and the southern ell; 2/2, double-hung sash on the second floors of the main block and the northern ell; 6/6, double-hung sash on the side ell and metal replacement windows in the modern, rear ell. A tall chimney with a corbeled cap sits on the ridge line at the northern end of the north ell. A smaller chimney is located on the west slope of the south ell.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to local historian Howard Quinn, this property is a Walker homestead which was moved from the swamp to the west closer to the road when traffic increased. Research by Nancy Heller of the Eastham Historical Society traces this property to John Walker.

The chain of title has not been fully clarified. Notes in the file suggest at least some of the property was inherited by Walker's grandson, Elwood B. Freeman (will probated December 9, 1884) and sold by Freeman's widow, Mary G. Freeman of Boston to Mary E. Flagg in 1899. The latter sold (Bk. 296; Pg. 283) in 1909, 1.5 acres with dwelling and other buildings to Abbott H. Walker (d. November 29, 1954) who apparently increased his holding by accumulating additional property from Mary Flagg and from other grandchildren of John Walker. He purchased (Bk. 410; Pg. 335) 1 1/2 acres on the north side of Boat Meadow Creek from Celia H. Crosby of Orleans in 1933. The familial relationship if any of Abbott H. Walker to John Walker has not been identified. No appropriate "John Walker" reference in Smith's Vital

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Also on site is a small, gable-roofed, shingled shed southwest of the house and a small, shingled, 3-bay, English barn with salt box roof line, double-leafed entry and 6/6, double-hung sash set west of the dwelling.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Records of Eastham was found. Additional information may be available in the genealogical files of the Eastham Historical Society Archives. Abbott H. Walker, having been a surfman, became Captain of the Nauset Life Saving Station in 1905 and held that office until 1926.

Captain Abbott H. Walker's estate (Docket No. 34553) was valued at \$21,500 and included his house, \$13,000; barn and outbuilding, \$500; homestead lot about .5 acre, \$1,500; a cottage off County Road, \$5,000 and 2.3 acres of land, \$1,500. The property was inherited by his children: Sarah W. Taylor of Orleans; Olive W. Gorham of Orleans; Howard F. Walker of Eastham; and Stanley M. Walker of Eastham. They sold it to Howard F. Walker (Bk: 923; Pg. 31) on October 5, 1955.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

EAS. 4
315 State Highway
Eastham

Area Form No. 4

